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1. DURING FEB 28, CONVERSATION WITH EMB. ASST. CAA ON OTHER BUSINESS, FONOFF OFFICIAL DR. KRONECK-- WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE FRG NEGOTIATING TEAM-- RELATED FURTHER DETAILS RE RECENTLY CONCLUDED PRC/FRG TALKS. BOTH COUNTRIES HAD EXCHANGED DRAFTS ABOUT NINE MONTHS AGO (IN THE FRG CASE THE STANDARD BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT FORMAT) AND HAD FOUND NO SUBSTANTIVE AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT EXCEPT FOR A CUSTOMS PROVISION IN THE PRC DRAFT WHICH THE GERMANS FOUND UNACCEPTABLE. THIS MATTER WAS RESOLVED AT THE TALKS WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.

2. KRONECK SAID THAT THE CHINESE APPEARED VERY RELUCTANT TO GIVE LUFTHANSA AUTHORITY TO PEKING AND PRESSED THE GERMANS TO ACCEPT SHANGHAI INSTEAD. THE PRC NEGOTIATORS BASED THEIR POSITION ON THE CLAIM THAT PEKING AIRPORT DID NOT HAVE THE
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SERVICE. WHILE INITIALLY SCEPTICAL, KRONECK SAID HE WAS NOW INCLINED TO ACCEPT THAT THE CHINESE BELIEVED THEY COULD HAVE PROBLEMS IN HANDLING LUFTHANSA AT PEKING. IN ANY EVENT, THE GERMAN TEAM MADE IT CLEAR THEY WOULD ONLY SETTLE FOR PEKING. THE CHINESE WERE OFFERED FRANKFURT AND BOTH SIDES AGREED TO NON-FIFTH FREEDOM ONWARD FLYING RIGHTS.

3. KRONECK CONFIRMED THAT NO AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED OR INITIALLED AND THAT THE FRG EXPECTED THE NEXT SESSION WOULD TAKE PLACE IN BONN.
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